

to defer further remarks upon the subject this week, and conclude by congratulating the friends of the road upon the success of the English Board in concluding a contract with such an eminent firm, and the bright prospects of the work being carried on with vigor."

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

We have on several occasions pointed out the advantages which must of necessity result to the inhabitants of the County from the adoption of Municipal Corporations—that is—the management (by men of our own choice) of our local public affairs.

They have been in operation some years, in Canada, and are reported to give universal satisfaction. We have no doubt after they have been tried in this Province, and some necessary alterations made in the Law, similar to those which were made in Canada, they will be found equally efficacious in removing the grievances under which we at present labor, and in bringing about a more healthy administration of public matters.

WEDNESDAY next is the day appointed to take this important matter into consideration; and it behoves every individual interested in the future well-being of the County to attend—in fact, we consider it to be the duty of all such, to be at their post, and give his voice in the matter.

The inhabitants of Carleton County have adopted them; but their enemies in Charlotte succeeded in defeating them in that County, simply, because the parties who expressed themselves in their favor and got up the requisition to the Sheriff, did not attend the meeting. We caution the people of this County not to be thus lukewarm.—If they adopt a similar course a like result will follow, as we understand the opponents have been actively canvassing some parts of the County, and will no doubt use their exertions to defeat the measure.

The Law stipulates that one hundred of the rate payers, &c., must be present at the public meeting; and it also requires a two-third vote of the persons present in their favor to ensure their adoption. We therefore earnestly urge the subject on the attention of the public. We are aware that there is a large majority of the people in favor of Municipal Corporations, but it requires them to be up and doing if they expect to secure the privilege.

Mind WEDNESDAY next, 2nd June, is the day appointed, at the Court House, in Newcastle, at eleven in the forenoon. We again say—ATTEND, if you wish to obtain the benefit of managing your own Local affairs.

STATE OF THE PROVINCE.

We would call the attention of our readers, but more especially of our Farmers, to two articles under our political head. They are well worthy a careful and serious perusal. They contain many things which dear-bought experience teaches us are too true; and the suggestions they throw out are wholesome and sound, and it would add much to the peace of mind of many persons, as well as to their wealth and independence, if they receive the attention they deserve.

SHIPWRECK.—The Captain of the brig Thames, which arrived at this port on Friday morning, has sent us intelligence that on the 21st May, he took off one of the Bird Islands, the Passengers, consisting of 67 persons, and 13 of the crew of the bark Nerio, of Sunderland. Having subsequently fallen in with the barks Alfred and Petrie, bound to Quebec, he put 33 passengers and 3 of the crew on board the former, and 34 passengers and three of the crew on board the last named vessel. He brought the Captain, Mr Day and Mrs Day, as well as the chief and second mates, to Miramichi.

FREDERICTON MAIL.—The only papers we received by this mail were the Royal Gazette and Head Quarters. From the latter we copy several paragraphs under the proper head.

BY TELEGRAPH

TO THE MIRAMICHI NEWS ROOM.

St. John, Monday, May 24.

The election for Alderman for Queen's Ward, vacant by the elevation of Wm. O. Smith, Esq., to the Mayoralty, has just closed.

John W. Cudlip, 228
Wm. H. Needham, 174

Cudlip is declared elected by a majority of 54 votes. No scrutiny demanded. This being the Queen's birth day, no business of any moment has been done.

Tuesday, May 25.

Shortly before noon the cry of fire was raised, the wind at the time blowing very hard from the North West. It was found to have originated in a barn in rear of Mr John Forsyth's house, in Pitt street. Being a part of the city not well supplied with

water, it soon assumed a very alarming aspect, but our ever-active firemen were early on the ground. The fire is now extinguished, and the destruction confined to the house and premises of Mr Forsyth, and the one adjoining, known as Victoria Cottage, owned by Mr Thomas G. Hathaway, and occupied by his son, Thos. Hathaway, Jun. The houses are not quite burnt down, but they are so much injured that they might as well be.

The steamer Humboldt, with two days later news from England, arrived at New York 7 o'clock Sunday, P. M.

The amount of bullion in the Bank of England on the 8th had increased to about twenty millions.

Steam-ship America from Boston arrived at Liverpool on the 8th, making the passage in ten days and eight hours.

The steam-ship British Queen from Liverpool, for the Mediterranean, put into Holyhead on Sunday, 9th, at noon, on fire. She had been flooded, but at 9, P. M., the fire was still burning.

France.—The fete of 10th May caused much excitement. It was fully anticipated that the proclamation of the empire would take place, and official warning had been given by the Government to the Departments.

Other news from the Continent not worth reporting.

Steam-ship City of Manchester arrived at Philadelphia on Sunday morning, with 347 passengers.

Thursday, May 25.

The steamer Cambria arrived at Halifax about noon yesterday, with Liverpool dates to 15th, and 52 passengers, among whom is the Hon. S. Curran.

The news is generally favorable as regards business, but freights are lower. Cotton firm, tending upwards. Sales of the week 111,000 bales. Corn and flour dull and drooping.

In the House of Commons the Militia Bill was still under discussion.

A motion was made for a Committee to enquire into the system of education at the Roman Catholic College of Maynooth. An amendment was moved, to discontinue the grant to the College, and all grants in aid of religious institutions. The debate was adjourned till the following week. It is expected to be a warm one.

In Paris the much dreaded 10th May passed off with much eclat, and without the slightest disturbance: not one word about the empire.

Two serious accidents had occurred in the Welsh Collieries; by one 80 lives were lost, by the other 28.

The Crystal Palace has been purchased by the Directors of the Brighton Railway Company for £70,000, to be removed to Sydenham, and transformed into an exotic garden.

Yesterday, shortly before one o'clock, a fire broke out in Portland, near the steam saw mills owned by Mr Petrie. Three houses were consumed before it could be subdued. They were occupied by the families of men employed about the mills, and were not insured. It is said they were owned by Mr Petrie.

Saturday, May 29.

The Boston papers of Thursday evening are received, but contain nothing of interest.

This morning, shortly before 3 o'clock, a fire broke out in the bake-house of Thomas Rankin, York Point. The whole of the interior, with the dwelling apparatus, and about twenty tons of biscuit, were destroyed. The building, being of brick, was not consumed, and the dwelling house and shop in front were saved. The fire is said to have originated from the oven.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Freeholders and Rate Payers of Northumberland, Gentlemen,

On Wednesday next you will be called upon to decide whether you will accept Municipal Corporations as the future government of the County, or retain a system under which you have been suffering for many years.

It is important that all should understand the question before accepting or rejecting the change; and all should attend the meeting, where objections may be openly raised and answered. Reliance should not be placed upon statements made secretly or at a time or place which affords no opportunity for reply.

The honest and sincere advocates and opponents should boldly and openly declare their views and arguments for and against it; but those who shun this mode, and secretly endeavor to prejudice men's minds cannot be trusted by others, because they confessedly mistrust themselves, and we are fully justified in scrutinizing the motives of such persons. If they have been ever opposed to advancement—if they be of that old political school which will brook no change however good or desirable—it may be if they hold any office of power or emolument

under the old system which they could not hope to retain by the voice of the people when made elective: in either case their position must be one of the strongest arguments in favor of Municipal Corporations.

From rumors now abroad it is evident that some persons have been misrepresenting the matter. 'Tis said that it will increase taxation and involve the County in debt, and it has been stated that (should the County accept the system) the Provincial Grants for Roads, Bridges, Schools and other County purposes, will cease. All this is decidedly untrue. The usual Provincial Grants will be made for all these objects, but Municipal Corporations will lead to their being expended by men chosen of the people, not appointed by the Government. The general business of the County will be conducted by Councillors annually elected, two for each parish, instead of being managed by the general Sessions of the Peace. It is absurd to argue that the County is more likely to be involved in debt by men who are directly responsible to the people, and annually chosen, than by those appointed by the Government, or retained in office in opposition to public opinion, and whose responsibility is nowhere. Let all who feel an interest for or against the Bill attend the meeting, and let those who will not take this trouble hereafter hold their peace. They can have no excuse for fault-finding who will not strive to remedy an evil, though the power be with themselves.

I am, Gentlemen,
May 29, 1852. ONE OF YOU.

Deaths.

Very suddenly, at Newcastle, on the 27th instant, JAMES WRIGHT, Esq., aged 72 years. Mr W. held the office of Coroner in this County for forty years.

At Richibucto, on the 14th instant, WILLIAM JAMES, second son of Peter Merzerall, Esq., aged ten years and six months.

At Point Sapine, Parish of Carleton, County of Kent, in April last, URBAIN, third son of Maxime Merzerall, aged nine years; VICTORIE, wife of Mr Gilbert Robicheaux, aged 28 years; VICTORIE, wife of Mr Joseph Doucette, aged 69 years; OLIVER ROBICHEAUX, aged 46 years; SIMON, eldest son of Peter Merzerall, Sen., aged 45 years. May 1st, PETER MERZERALL, Senior, (Pilot), aged 69 years.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, May 24 schrs Irish Lass, Cahill, P. E. Island, produce, master; Mary Jane, Duggan, do, do, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

25th, schr Charles Weldon, McLean, Richibucto.

27th, schr Primrose, Jones, Quebec, general cargo, Johnson & Mackie.

28th, schr Victoria, LeBois, Quebec, general cargo, R. Johnstone, Sen.

29th, brig Thames, Bell, Leith, general cargo, 49 days, Duncan & Loch.

CLEARED, May 25, brig Queen, Eskdale, Newcastle, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; bark Bolivar, Dunn, Belfast, do, do; brig Lady Sale, Boudrot, Pictou, lumber; schr Mary Jane, Duggan, P. E. Island, ballast.

26th, schr Mary Elizabeth, McLeod, P. E. Island, lumber.

28th, schrs Irish Lass, Cahill, P. E. Island, general cargo; Charles Weldon, McLean, Richibucto.

The brig Thames, at this port, spoke on the 23d April, the brig Johns, from Dublin, bound to Quebec, with passengers, in lon. 23, 33, lat. 55, 02, 16 days out. April 26, the brig Mars, of Montrose, bound to Quebec, 18 days out, in lon. 30, 31, lat. 55, 45; and exchanged colours with the bark Acme, of Sunderland, in lon. 41, 00, lat. 57, 58.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED, May 20, bark Naparima, Doherty, Liverpool, general cargo, 17 passengers, Messrs. Ritchie & Co.

22nd, brig Collingwood, Stevenson, Greenock, general cargo, 66 passengers, Wm. Hamilton, (the late master, Captain Guthrie, died 48 hours after the vessel left the land, and was buried at sea); bark Troubadour, Izard, Aberdeen, ballast, Messrs. Ritchie & Co.

24th, brig Ida, McKinnon, Ardrossan, ballast, Messrs. Ritchie & Co.

25th, schr Providence, Fournier, Quebec, general cargo, W. S. Smith, Wm. Hamilton, and others.

PORT OF BATHURST.

ENTERED, May 21, schr Sally, Siteman, Halifax, general cargo, G. & A. Smith and J. Wolfenbutter.

24th, schrs James Fraser, McRae, P. E. Island, oats, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.; Happy Return, Bellfountain, P. E. Island, goods, W. Deacon.

25th, brig Messenger, Bushe, New York, general cargo, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.; brig Margaret Parker, Newfoundland, ballast, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

CLEARED, May 21, brig Peerless, Mearns, Newfoundland, lumber, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

24th, schr Sally, Siteman, Halifax, shingles, G. & A. Smith.

25th, schr Happy Return, Bellfountain, P. E. Island, shingles, W. Deacon.



MAIL STAGE.

Summer Arrangement for 1852, On the Route between Peticodiac and Miramichi.

The Subscriber will run a

Tri-weekly Two-horse STAGE.

During the present season, between the above places, as follows:

To start from the Bend of Peticodiac on the evenings of

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS,

at the hour of 4 o'clock, P. M., and arrive at Miramichi on the following morning; and will leave Miramichi at the hour of 4 o'clock, P. M., on

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS, in each week.

W. M. KELLY.

Miramichi, May 29, 1852.

Notice.

The Public are cautioned against harboring or employing GEORGE RONEY, a native of Port Daniel, and an artful Seaman belonging to the Bark "Exhibition," who escaped from the custody of the Constables while being conveyed to Jail on the night of the 8th instant.

JOHN LESLIE, Master.

Bathurst, May 15, 1852.

Crown Land Office.

MAY 17, 1852.

LOT No. 22, Pokemouche Indian Reserve, containing 100 acres, will be offered for sale by the Indian Commissioners, at Bathurst, by Auction, at noon of the 7th day of July next, at the upset price of 5s. an acre, agreeably to the Indian Regulations.

R. D. WILMOT, Sur. Gen.

CIRCULAR.

CROWN LAND OFFICE,

May 7, 1852.

The Commissioners appointed under Act 12 Victoria, cap. 4, (commonly called the Labour Act,) are hereby informed that the regulations under that act have been amended, and will be published in a few weeks; until which time they are required not to enter into any new contracts.

R. D. WILMOT, Sur. Gen.

For Sale,

Together or separate, the DWELLING HOUSE and SHOP occupied by the subscriber in the town of Richibucto. Possession given in July.

W. WILSON,

Richibucto, 22d May, 1852.

Fresh Garden & Flower Seeds

AT WM. J. FRASER'S

Chatham, May 21, 1850.

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Wm. J. Fraser

Is now opening at Cumard's Store, a Large and Well Selected Stock of

BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOODS, low for Cash or approved Credit.

Chatham, May 21, 1852.

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The Horses "Champion" and "Conqueror."

The Subscriber, grateful for the patronage hitherto extended to him, now offers his horse CHAMPION for the use of the public. CHAMPION has taken the first prize at the Northumberland Agricultural Society Show, three years. He is now six years old. He will be travelled this season, from the 1st of May to the 15th of July, through the Parishes of Glenelg, Chatham, Newcastle and Nelson. His stations will be made known by the Groom in due season.

Terms—twenty shillings for the season, payable on the 1st of May, 1853. A reduction of ten shillings will be made when the mare should miss.

The Horse CONQUEROR is three years old, sixteen and a half hands high; dark chestnut. He took the first prize at the Kent Agricultural Show last fall, and will be let to a few Mares at the subscriber's residence, from the 12th of June to the 20th of July. This horse, for size, beauty and action, is unsurpassed in the Province.

Terms—25s for the Season, payable 1st August.

DANIEL ELKIN.

Napan, 17th April, 1852.

NOTICE.

All persons having just claims against the Estate of WILLIAM WISHART, late of Alnwick, in the County of Northumberland, farmer, deceased, will render the same within three months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

G. J. PARKER, Administrator.

Chatham, 9th April, 1854.